

Action and Response Chart

<i>Age</i>	<i>Child action</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Inappropriate adult response</i>	<i>Appropriate adult response</i>
0 to 2 months	Be awake during night.	Want to eat.	Become fatigued and angry.	Rest when opportunity arises, and share responsibility of infant care. Expect baby to awaken.
6 to 9 months	Pick up and drop object.	Drop spoon or other object repeatedly. Think everything is a game.	Become angry.	Stop playing game.
6 months to 2 years	Be aware of other children and infants.	Cry when other children cry.	Become angry.	Remove crying child.
8 to 18 months	Creep, crawl, and walk.	Get into things and explore.	Become angry and spank.	Remove dangerous and valuable objects and lock cupboards.
1 to 3 years	Learn to use a cup.	Spill milk.	Become angry, punish.	Do not fill glass. Use spill-proof glass.
1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years	Learn to assert own will.	Say no, no.	Become angry. Parents believe child is stubborn and willful.	Avoid yes and no questions. Say, "It's time to ..."
2 to 3 years	Learn to use	Have wet and	Become	Wait until child

	bathroom.	dirty pants.	annoyed at having to clean child and diapers. Expect child to have control before physically able.	is ready, and have facilities appropriate for child and model behavior.
2 to 8 years	Learn to sleep the dark.	Need night light.	Belittle, turn off light, shut door.	Use night light. Have hall light on and door open.
3 to 5 years	Learn to do things for self.	Dress, walk, eat, clean up slowly.	Become angry and rush child.	Schedule time for child to be independent.
3 to 6 years	Learn language.	Want you to repeat stories and games over and over.	Become bored or impatient.	Have children help with the story. Understand that children love repetition.
5 to 7 years	Test adult responses and get attention.	Say "bathroom" words.	Become angry and upset; punish the child.	Ignore or calmly explain appropriate words and proper tones.